

Application No. 10/693,552

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to positively recite a treatment strip. Claim 21 has been amended to remove the adhesive limitation. Claims 25-27 have been canceled. No other changes have been made to the claims.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 USC §121 alleging that the application contains claims directed to the following "species" of the claimed invention:

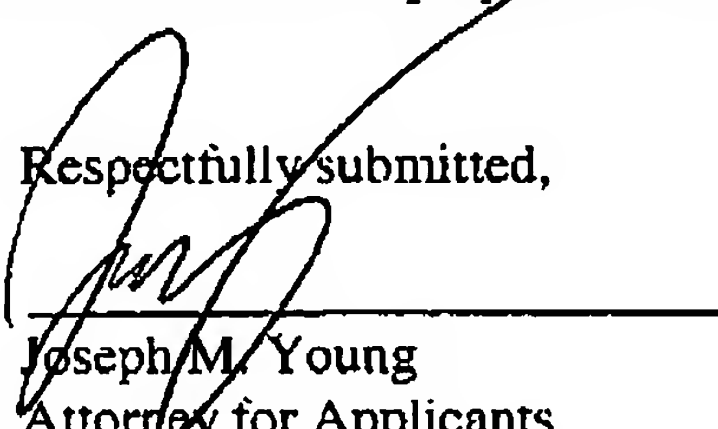
Species I (Figure 5); Species II (Figure 6); Species III (Figures 7-8); and Species IV (Figure 9).

Applicants elect Species IV without traverse. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-12, 16-22, and 24 read on Species IV. Claims 1, 3, 4, 11, and 12 are generic to all of the species. A majority of the claims elected were elected in the prior application as well because a substantial number of claims apply to both FIGS. 7 and 8 and FIG. 9. However, Applicant's amendments in both the originally filed application and (through this document) in this application should sufficiently distinguish the claims to avoid any double patenting issues.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any further Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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